

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): An operation microscope ~~with~~ includes an illuminating device which is arranged behind a front lens and illuminates an object plane with a light patch and in whose beam path a diaphragm is arranged which partially covers said beam path, said diaphragm defining at least one substantially rectangular slit disposed in said beam path, and said beam path ~~has~~ having an optical axis, said diaphragm being rotatable about an axis parallel to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path whereby said at least one slit is rotatable from a first orientation within said beam path to a second orientation within said beam path, wherein the light patch ~~can be moved~~ is movable with a translatory movement component in the object plane.
2. (Previously Presented): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm is designed for a movement with a translatory component in the beam path perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.
3. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the illuminating device ~~can be moved~~ is movable relative to the diaphragm.
4. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light patch ~~can be moved~~ is movable by pivoting of a deflection element for the illuminating light.
5. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm is arranged in a diaphragm support which ~~can be moved~~ is movable perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.

6. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm ~~can be moved~~ is movable in two directions perpendicular to one another and linearly perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm is arranged in a diaphragm support which is rotatably mounted eccentrically with respect to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.

9. (Previously Presented): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 5, wherein more than one diaphragm is provided on the diaphragm support.

10. (Previously Presented): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 5, wherein the diaphragm or at least one diaphragm is slit-shaped.

11. (Previously Presented): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm or at least one diaphragm is circular.

12. (Previously Presented): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm has a modifiable slit width size or a modifiable circle diameter size can be modified.

13. (Previously Presented): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm is arranged on a diaphragm support which is partially transmitting at least in subareas.

14. (Previously Presented): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diaphragm and/or the deflection element can be adjusted by motor.

15. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the illuminating device ~~can be moved~~ is movable relative to the diaphragm.

16. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the light patch ~~can be moved~~ is movable by pivoting of a deflection element for the illuminating light.

17. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 3, wherein the light patch ~~can be moved~~ is movable by pivoting of a deflection element for the illuminating light.

18. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the diaphragm is arranged in a diaphragm support which ~~can be moved~~ is movable perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.

19. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 3, wherein the diaphragm is arranged in a diaphragm support which ~~can be moved~~ is movable perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.

20. (Currently Amended): The operation microscope as claimed in claim 4, wherein the diaphragm is arranged in a diaphragm support which ~~can be moved~~ is movable perpendicular to the optical axis of the illuminating beam path.